

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed December 21, 2007, which has been reviewed and carefully considered. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-7, 9-14 and 16-23 remain in this application, where claims 8 and 15 have been canceled without prejudice.

By means of the present amendment, the current Abstract has been deleted and substituted with the enclosed New Abstract which better conforms to U.S. practice.

By means of the present amendment, claims 1-7, 9-14 and 16-23 have been amended for non-statutory reasons, such as for better form including beginning the dependent claims with 'The' instead of 'A' and deleting reference numerals typically used in European practice that are known to not limit the scope of the claims. Such amendments to claims 1-7, 9-14 and 16-23 were not made in order to address issues of patentability and Applicants respectfully reserve all rights under the Doctrine of Equivalents.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the drawings because of reference numeral 12 is not mentioned in the specification. In response, FIGs 2-4 have been amended to change reference numeral 12 to 10, in compliance with the specification, such as page 6, lines 17-18. Replacement sheet including FIGs 2-4 are enclosed. Further, an annotated marked-up version of the sheets including FIGs 2-4 are enclosed for convenience. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the drawings objection and approval of the enclosed proposed drawing changes.

In the Office Action, claim 14 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as allegedly indefinite. In response, claim 14 has been amended to remove the alleged informality noted by the Examiner. It is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claim 14 has been overcome and an indication as such is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1, 4-6, 8-14 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0026186 (Ando). Claims 1, 4, 8, 12-13, 15-17 and 22-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No.

2002/0065810 (Bradley). Claims 2-3 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Ando in view of Official Notice. Claims 18-19 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Bradley in view of Official Notice. Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Bradley in view of Official Notice and MRAM as disclosed in <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MRAM>. It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-7, 9-14 and 16-23 are patentable over Ando, Bradley, Official Notice and MRAM for at least the following reasons.

In rejecting claim 15 on page 6 of the Office Action, paragraph [0034] of Bradley is cited to allegedly show splitting "an image of said first file system into different categories based on properties of data structures, and to store said split file components in different files of said second file system," as recited in amended independent claim 1 and similarly recited in amended independent claim 23.

It is respectfully submitted that Bradley is not concerned with any record carrier, and is rather concerned with computer systems. Further, paragraph [0034] of Bradley does not disclose or

suggest the present invention as recited in independent claim 1, and similarly recited in independent claim 23 which, amongst other patentable elements recites (illustrative emphasis provided):

wherein said mapping means is adapted to reserve space on the record carrier for an image of said first file system in a logical specification of said second format, and wherein said mapping means is further adapted to split said image of said first file system into different categories based on properties of data structures, and to store said different categories in different files of said second file system.

These features are nowhere disclosed or suggested in Bradley. Rather, paragraph [0034] of Bradley merely discloses enabling communication between a requester and a device of an I/O node by transparently translating between the requester file system type and the dynamic flat file system of the I/O node, where metadata-superblock of the dynamic flat file system is reformatted so as to substantially match the metadata format of the requester. Ando, Bradley, Official Notice and MRAM are cited to allegedly show other features and do not remedy the deficiencies in Bradley.

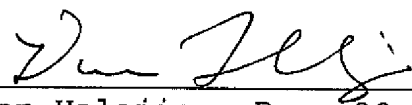
Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1 and 23 should be allowable, and allowance thereof is respectfully requested. In addition, it is respectfully submitted

that claims 2-7, 9-14 and 16-22 should also be allowed at least based on their dependence from amended independent claim 1.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded. And in particular, no Official Notices are conceded.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure: Replacement drawing sheets (2 sheets including
FIGs 2-4)
Annotated drawing sheets (2 sheets including
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